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Mr. Tran,

As we discussed on the phone I have attached my reply to the rejection of my application. I have responded to each claim as requested. I must apologize for the length of the reply but I feel it was important for me to attempt to identify the major differences in the Petty patent and my application. I found nothing in the other referenced patents that affected my application so I have not discussed them herein.

As we discussed, I would be happy to come to your location at any time and review this in as much detail as you deem necessary. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Forward any response to the following.

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